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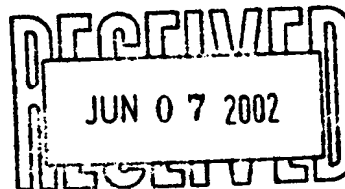
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EXAMINER:

FOR: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING GAS CONTAINING FLUORINE-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS AND CO

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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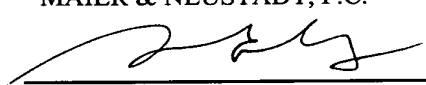
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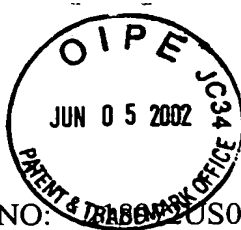
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

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Reference AO (WO 00/009258) on Form 1449:

This reference discloses a method for decomposing a perfluoro compound by contacting it with γ -alumina at 800-900°C in the presence of H_2 and O_2 . It also discloses a method for removing SiF_4 , which will be an anticatalyst for γ -alumina and a method for subjecting HF which results from decomposition of the perfluoro compound to post-treatment with water. However, this reference does neither teach nor suggest a process for treating a gas containing fluorine-containing compounds and CO according to the present invention; and which comprises contacting the gas with O_2 and H_2O in the absence of a catalyst at a temperature of 850°C or higher to oxidize the CO to CO_2 , and then contacting the gas with γ -alumina catalyst at a temperature of 600-900°C to decompose the fluorine-containing compounds. Further, this reference is also silent about the use of γ -alumina having a specific crystal structure.

Reference AP (JP 2001-137659) on Form 1449:

This reference discloses a method for decomposing a perfluoro compound by contacting it with γ -alumina at 800-900°C in the presence of H_2 and O_2 . It also discloses a method for removing SiF_4 , which will be an anticatalyst for γ -alumina and a method for subjecting HF which results from decomposition of the perfluoro compound to post-treatment with water. However, this reference does neither teach nor suggest a process for treating a gas containing fluorine-containing compounds and CO according to the present invention; and which comprises contacting the gas with O_2 and H_2O in the absence of a catalyst at a temperature of 850°C or higher to oxidize the CO to CO_2 , and then contacting the gas with γ -alumina catalyst at a temperature of 600-900°C to decompose the fluorine-containing compounds. Further, this reference is also silent about the use of γ -alumina having a specific crystal structure.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**Reference AQ (JP 2001-293335) on Form 1449:**

This reference discloses that γ -alumina having specific crystal structure as defined in Claim 2 of the present application is used as an alumina catalyst for treating exhaust gas containing fluoro-compound. However, this reference neither teaches nor suggests a process for treating a gas containing fluorine-containing compounds and CO according to the present invention which comprises contacting the gas with O_2 and H_2O in the absence of a catalyst at a temperature of $850^\circ C$ or higher to oxidize the CO to CO_2 , and then contacting the gas with γ -alumina catalyst at a temperature of $600-900^\circ C$ to decompose the fluorine-containing compounds.

Reference AS (JP 11-703322) on Form 1449:

This reference discloses a method for decomposing PFC by contacting it with an alumina-containing catalyst at a high temperature in the presence of H_2O . However, this reference neither teaches nor suggests a process for treating a gas containing fluorine-containing compounds and CO according to the present invention which comprises contacting the gas with O_2 and H_2O in the absence of a catalyst at a temperature of $850^\circ C$ or higher to oxidize the CO to CO_2 , and then contacting the gas with γ -alumina catalyst at a temperature of $600-900^\circ C$ to decompose the fluorine-containing compounds. Further, this reference is also silent about the use of γ -alumina having a specific crystal structure.

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AW on Form 1449:

It reports that chlorofluorocarbon gas containing F and Cl was able to be decomposed by 75% by adding H₂O to the gas and contacting it with γ -alumina at 500°C. However, this reference neither teaches nor suggests a process for treating a gas containing fluorine-containing compounds and CO according to the present invention which comprises contacting the gas with O₂ and H₂O in the absence of a catalyst at a temperature of 850°C or higher to oxidize the CO to CO₂, and then contacting the gas with γ -alumina catalyst at a temperature of 600-900°C to decompose the fluorine-containing compounds. Further, this reference is also silent about the use of γ -alumina having a specific crystal structure.